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SUBJ: MALIAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION SPENDS ONE MONTH IN USSR

1. MALI'S MINISTER OF INFORMATION RETURNED FROM ONE MONTH VISIT IN USSR AUGUST 21. L'ESSOR, THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF MALI'S MILITARY REGIME (MCNL,) IN ARTICLE AUGUST 22 ENTITLED "RETOUR DU CAPITAINE YOUSSEUF TRAORE" STATED THAT MINISTER VISITED THE USSR AT THE INVITATION OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

2. DURING MONTH'S VISIT, HE TALKED WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON MUTUAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE MATTERS CONCERNING HIS MINISTRY (INFORMATION). AMONG PERSONALITIES HE MET AND TALKED WITH WERE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TASS, THE PRESIDENT OF NOVOSTI WHO IS ALS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET NATIONAL UNION FOR JOURNALISTS, M. MAZOUROV, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTHV THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CC (PCUS), THE VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRES AND S.E.. ZEMSKOV.

3. ACCORDING TO L'ESSOR, CAPTAIN TRAORE'S DISCUSSIONS WITH RUSSIAN PERSONALITIES CENTERED ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

4. AFTER LEAVING USSR, CAPTAIN TRAORE SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN
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CAIRO AND THEN TO TRIPOLI WHERE HE MET AND DISCUSSED MUTUAL

PROBLEMS WITH COUNTERPARTS.

5. POLITICAL OFFICER WAS TOLD BY EMPLOYEE AT MINISTRY OF INFORMATION THAT CAPTAIN TRAORE'S TRIP TO USSR ALSO INCLUDED HEALTH REASONS.

6 SINCE RUSSIA'S ROVING AMBASSADOR AND SPECIAL ENVOY TO MALI, M. VLADIMI BENDRYCHEV, ARRIVED IN BAMAKO ON SAME PLANE AS CAPTAIN TRAORE (L'ESSOR STATE BENDRYCHEV BOARDED PLANE IN

TRIPOLI), EMBASSY WONDERS IF ANY CONNECTION EXISTS BETWEEN CAPTAIN TRAORE'S MONTH STAY IN USSR AND BENDRYCHEV VISIT TO BAMAKO.

7 ACCORDING TO L'ESSOR, BENDRYCHEV CAME TO MALI ESPECIALLY FOR TALKS WITH MALI'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO NEXT SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

8. MOSCOW: ANY INFORMATION ON CAPTAIN TRAORE'S VISIT TO RUSSIA OR BENDRYCHEV'S VISIT TO MALI WOULD BE HELPFUL.
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